

T H E T O W N O F MERRIMAC

S6911 State Highway 113 - P.O. Box 115
Merrimac, WI 53561

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION August 15, 2012

Present were Richard Grant, Chair; John Gaedke, Dan Purcell, Frank Olah, and Tim Healy. Also present was Tim McCumber, Town Administrator.

Grant called a **PUBLIC HEARING** to order to accept comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Town of Merrimac Zoning Ordinance to allow for the keeping of chickens on lots that are a minimum of 1.15 acres up to no more than 4.99 acres may be permitted with certain limitations. McCumber reported the ordinance includes the changes to the proposal presented in July. Jody Scott of E13403 State Hwy. 113 spoke in favor of the ordinance. No other persons appeared. Motion to close the hearing by Gaedke, second by Purcell. Motion passed.

Grant called the zoning commission meeting to order; McCumber certified compliance with the open meetings law. The commission considered the minutes of the July 18, 2012, motion by Grant to approve the minutes, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **OLD BUSINESS**, the commission discussed proposed amendments the Town of Merrimac Zoning Ordinance to allow for the keeping of chickens on lots that are a minimum of 1.15 acres up to no more than 4.99 acres may be permitted with certain limitations. After some discussion and clarification, Healy made a motion to recommend approval to the town board, second by Purcell. Motion passed. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the commission discussed a preliminary proposal to divide lands into two parcels with a Certified Survey Map (CSM) by Doug Schwartz on tax parcels 026-0404-00000; 026-0417-00000; 026-0418-00000; and 026-0419-00000 located at E14295 County Hwy. DL; Pogo Belle, LLC., owner; 5254 N. Hillpoint Rd., Cross Plains, WI 53528. McCumber reported the property owner has 2 lots of record and would like to change the property lines. There was some discussion about problems that can arrive from driveway easements. The commission members didn't have any issues with the proposal. The property owner will bring a survey before the commission next month. Under the **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**, McCumber reported there have been 37 permits year-to-date totaling \$674,033. McCumber also reported the town spent over \$3,700 on the chicken ordinance, noting it would have exceeded \$4,000 if the commission had full attendance at all of the meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Hill, second by Gaedke. Motion passed.